# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIA
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have accepted in totality the recommendations made by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India regarding the INSAT Mobile Satellite System Reporting Services ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The broad guidelines for Issue of licence for INSAT Mobile Satellite System Reporting Service are:-

(i). No restriction on number of operators.

(ii). Any Indian Company registered under Indian Companies Act, 1956 is eligible to apply.

(iii). Maximum foreign equity of 49%.

(iv) No entry fee.

(v) Licence fee- 5% of Annual Gross Revenue towards universal service obligation (USO).

(vi) Must start the service within 6 months from the date of licence.

(vii) Interconnection with Public switched telephone network (PSTN) not permitted.